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SUMMARY.

FARMER'S — 1940-1917 — SYDNEY.

Seventy years.

Reports from the Western frontier assert that great movements of enemy troops and guns are in full swing westward.

A French communiqué states: There has been fairly heavy fighting on the Aire, and between the Aisne and the Argonne.

The Dutch authorities have released a German submarine, which was found in territorial waters.

A high official of the Vatican states that the Holy See attitude in regard to the war unchanged.

The Holy See continues to observe scrupulous neutrality.

The Pope has sent confidential letters to the Apostolic Nuncioli at Cologne and Munich on their abseces of ecclesiastical functions.

The German Chancellor will address the Reichstag at the end of January respecting the Empire's reply to the peace note.

According to a London report, several arrests with art of Foreign.

The Russians attacked the heights in the region of the Kasino River. After violent fighting they took back the enemy.

The Russians withdrew slightly to the northeast in the Viatka region.

The attacks in Wallachia and the Danube have diminished owing to the Allies' resistance, and the bad weather.

Von Mackensen is demanding reinforcements from Bulgaria and Turkey, which cannot be provided.

Turkey fears danger on her Asian frontier, and her resources are said to be exhausted.

A German official report states: We are preparing armistice and Romanian armistice of the Russo-Turkish Valley.

Bad weather has caused numerous floods in Maritonia.

The Italian regiments in Wallachia and the Danube have been released from the command of the Royal Italian Army.

Fighting has taken place at Veltinera, south of Lake Chirico, where a Indo-Chinese division is engaged.

It is surmised that there has been a transference of troops under General von Falkenhausen from the Romanian front.

The Germans have introduced compulsory labour in Lithuania, where the inhabitants are engaged in road building.

A meeting of 2 million couples, as punishment.

A Rome official report says there has been increased military fire in the Carso, particularly at Gorizia.

Mr. Menzies states that the desert column's victory at Isafu was unquestionably one of the most brilliant achievements in Egypt during the war.

The swiftness of the night march enabled the attackers to reach striking distance while the defenders slept.

The British have made progress east and west of Kai-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia.

General Smuts has been released from the East African command to enable him to take up the important post of War and DRAPEY DEPARTMENTS First Floor. Remands greatly reduced all military goods.

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The total subscribed and raised by the Australian Jockey Club for patriotic purposes since the war began is £47,480.

Further amounts have been received as to allow all cause for complaint as to delay in giving effect to a statutory declaration of relationship pending inquiries.

The War Service Committee in the Mosman district is arranging a recruiting demonstration.

A campaign is to be opened in the Newcastle district to obtain recruits.

Recruiting committees are being formed in the municipalities, and the prospects of obtaining men are reported to be bright.

Initial forecasts of the wheat crop in South Australia, N. S. W., Victoria, and Western Australia give an average of 16,000,000 bushels.

A roll of honour has been unveiled at the Bank of New South Wales, bearing the names of 1,000 men who have given their services to the Commonwealth.

The Federal Public Works Committee took evidence yesterday upon the question of stores accommodation for the Postmaster Department.

It is proposed to erect an eight-storyed brick building on the corner of Harbour and Flinders streets for the purpose.

A start has been made with the railway line from the powerhouse at Black Diamond to the station.

A large crowd of Waratah shot his son, James, and 10 at Koorabilla (Vic.) and then attempted to commit suicide by shooting themselves.

The boy died a few hours later, and Waratah was now in the Melbourne Hospital in a serious condition.

A heat wave has prevailed in Western Australia during the past three days. The temperature reached record figures.

The majorities of salaried effect were recorded.

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Before the war practically the whole of the paper used in Photography came from Germany. Since 1914 England and France have been gradually increasing their output of raw paper for this work, and the supplies have been so great that we have been months without the arrival of a single roll. Then, after the entry of America into the war, the output of Photography, and only the part of the paper can be used. Since the war gelatine has been much demanded, and the paper has been much more unmarketable. But we now have a good supply of the best Photographic paper, and those a good number of our customers are very pleased. Those customers who have been unavoidably disappointed will find that their orders will be completed by Tuesday next, and will be completed in ten days after the return of the paper.

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J. R. SPURWAY, Secretary.

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1.—Overture, "Kodalyana".

2.—Suite, "The Swan".

3.—Suite, "C sharp minor".

4.—Hercules in G.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

ADMISSION:—GALLERIES, SIXPENCE.

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TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE, 2 P.M.

20 ENTRIES, 300.

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THE ANZACS.

IN A TANK.

A MIDNIGHT DASH.

VIEW OF BAPAUME.

NEW ENTRY IN SOMME BATTLE.

BY CAPTAIN BEAN.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, Nov. 9.

This week an Australian force made its attack in quite a different area of the Somme battle. The New Zealanders had pushed right through the comparatively green country here, and so had the British to west and south of it.

We were well over the slope of the main ridge on which the Somme battle raged for the first three months. Pozières, the highest point where Australians had pushed over it lay miles away to our left.

The general colour of the country on the British side is brown—all variations of it—brown, the sleepy grey brown mud tramped with the feet of men and horses to soil patrician brown mud so thick that when you get your foot into it it is a constant problem to get it out again. It is the country over which the fight has passed.

WHERE HEAVEN IS SMILING.

And always just ahead of us the hills are behind the German lines, there is heaven smiling. "Harbour lights," cries someone, and shows calls and answers. Through the misty air drifts we can make out the barbed wire close to the enemy's trench. We take our bearings to see what chance there is of getting through. Infantry wire-cutters help. Way soon made, and we start down. Out of the fog and the blackness comes the sound of the rifles of the lower tier of the valley, which is east of the bottom of the knoll. The line clambers on to the surface with its rifles and then goes forward at a slow pace, picking its way carefully, looking at its feet amidst the shell holes.

At the corner of Bapaume Church it is the cover of Bapaume Church. The road is scattered shells—shells at intervals all over the landscape—about 5 o'clock it suddenly burst out into an open field behind us. A line of light tanks is climbing up the middle of the valley, the lower tier of the valley on our side—yes east of the bottom of the knoll. The line clambers on to the surface with its rifles and then goes forward at a slow pace, picking its way carefully, looking at its feet amidst the shell holes.

"HORRIBLE SENSATION."

11 p.m.—Off beyond the first line. Devil's own time. Every step we take in the mist and drizzle make it difficult to see what we are doing. Into the fog we charge. Heavily jolts and jars. We have crashed into terror-stricken foe, and are caring over the bodies.

Midnight—general assault on second line. We sweep the trench right and left. Mist and drizzle make it difficult to see what we are doing. Into the fog we charge. Heavily jolts and jars. We have crashed into terror-stricken foe, and are caring over the bodies.

Parties dash hither and thither through the mist. They rush right up to us. Discover their mistake. Double back and find themselves up against infantry. Cut and run again, only to be headed off by us. General surrender.

HIGH GERMAN OFFICER

2 a.m.—Out in the wilds. Don't know where we are. Stray figure appears out of the fog. It is a German who has been a staff officer. Has lost his way, and lost the troops he was directing. Greatly astonished to meet us. Bring him into trenches, and hand him over to infantry.

3 a.m.—Off Children of the Mist once more. Seem to have acquired art of smell. Don't know where we are. Don't know where we are.

4 a.m.—Fog begins to lift. Terrible scenes of havoc everywhere. Our troops pressing forward all along the line. Furious gunfire all over the field. German guns roar, roar, roar, shelling their own troops. In retreat, shouting, firing, shouting, shouting. Wonder if that if we can weather the storm. Soon convinced we can.

5 a.m.—Early morning of the enemy. Large party of heat traps on our right front, supported by machine-guns. Go full tilt at them. Take them through and through. Our guns roar, roar, roar, roar, roar, roar, roar, roar. Enemy break and flee. Our big guns open on them. Only a handful of survivors reach the third line, and comparative safety.

6 a.m.—Off children of the mist. The last kick of the dying. Holes torn through the ground. At two hundred yards we give them hell with interest. Infantry and tank go at the enemy full tilt. The day is won.

THE LAST KICK.

The Anzacs are well known in London and many parts of England, with their sun-tanned faces, their jolly ways, and all the good-humoured lads, which seem to have captured the hearts of both England and France—they rarely fail to attract attention and without doubt they are behaving wonderfully well, and living up to the high reputation they have won. A notice put up at Hotel de la Paix, the Australian headquarters, has been translated into French. It reads:

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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

WAR ISSUE, No. 129. NOW READY.

WINTER CONDITIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

NO REINFORCEMENTS: AUSTRALIA'S CALL FOR MEN.

AUSTRALIAN AVIATORS IN ROME: REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPHS.

ANARCHISTS WHO HAVE WON GLORY IN BATTLE—SURVIVORS OF THE "BIG PUSH."

DEVASTATED BELGIUM—AN OBJECT LESSON FOR AUSTRALIANS WHO LIVE IN PLENTY.

THE SYDNEY MAIL. PRICE, THREEPENCE.

PENFOLD'S HOSPITAL BRANDY.

IN ADDITION TO BEING AUSTRALIAN, PENFOLD'S IS OWNED BY AUSTRALIANS. IT IS A PURE GRAPE, WELL-AGED PRODUCTION, CARRYING A VERY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MEDICINAL ETHRUS.

WELCOME ALWAYS,

KEEP IT HANDY.

FIFTY-SEVENTH HALF-YEARLY REPORT OF THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND, LIMITED.

TO THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1917.

1. The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Fifty-seventh Half-yearly Report and Balance-sheet as on the 31st December, 1916.

2. The Net Profits for the Half-year, after deducting Interest on Deposits, Com- monwealth and State Income and Land Taxes, paying all Charges, and providing for the Reserve Fund, amounted to £1,000,000.

To which it is to be added—
Balance from last half-year..... £8,810

which the Directors recommend to be appropriated as follows—

To Dividend for the half year at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum..... £4,978 5 0
Commonwealth Dividend Tax..... 542 15 0

Prov. for Dividend for the month of January, 1917, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum..... £322 2 6

Balance carried forward..... £2,000 16 2

3. In accordance with clause 108 of the Articles of Association, the Hon. J. T. Thomas, M.L.C., retires as a Director in rotation. He is eligible for re-election, and offers himself for re-election, and on behalf of the Board.

Brisbane, 16th January, 1917.

A. R. COWLEY, Chairman.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND, LIMITED, FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1916.

Deposits and other Liabilities £1,000,000 5 0 Assets £21,610 12 4

Bank Balances, Australian Notes and Commonwealth and Queensland Government Securities 60,000 0 0

Reinvestments in Branches and Agents 109,129 16 8

Bank Discounted, Advances, and all other Debts 789,169 14 7

Bank Premiums 80,000 0 0

£1,000,000 15 11 £1,000,000 15 11

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Salaries, Rent, Rates, and Taxes, and other General Expenses of twenty Branches £18,010 3 4

Interest paid and accrued on Deposits 11,229 16 8

Balance 18,500 0 0

RESERVE FUND.

To Balance £37,500 0 0

£18,500 0 0

Audited and found correct.

A. BURTON, G. T. C. LANG, Auditors.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the foregoing Balance-sheet, made up to the 31st December, 1916, and report that we find the several Items therein stated to conform to the Balances at Head Office, and to the Balances sheets furnished by the Branches, these latter being certified by the respective Managers and Accountants.

We further certify that we have found them correct.

We further certify that in our opinion the Balance-sheet is full and fair, properly drawn up, and exhibits a true and correct view of the affairs of the Bank as shown by the Books up to the 31st December, 1916.

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IN MEMORIAM.

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HARDIN—in loving memory of our beloved son, Stanley Edward Hardin, who died January 17, 1916.

HITCHEN—in loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Thomas Hitchen, who departed this life January 17, 1916, at 70 years of age. Rest in peace.

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RAFA

ANZACS' THRILLING
BATTLE
TURKISH FORCE ROUTED

JAPANESE BATTLE-
CRUISER SUNK

MOVES TOWARD PEACE
GERMANY'S EFFORTS

Details of the capture of Rafa in Syria disclose a brilliant operation on the part of the British forces, made up very largely of Australian and New Zealand troops. The victory is described as one of the finest achievements of the Egyptian campaign.

Great movements of troops are said to be taking place on the Western Front.

The Japanese battle-cruiser Tsukuba, (13,750 tons), has been sunk through an explosion. There were 300 casualties in order to prevent a debacle.

The German Chancellor (Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg) is to address the Reichstag at the end of January respecting the Entente's replies to the peace proposals.

An American correspondent states that there are indications that Germany recognises that there must be a quick peace in order to prevent a debacle.

A report from Rome states that King Constantine may be deposed, an Italian prince succeeding to the Grecian throne.

WESTERN FRONT.

GREAT MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

LONDON, Jan. 15.

According to advices from Amsterdam reports from the frontier state that great movements of troops and guns are in full swing westward.

A French communiqué states—There was fairly great artillery firing on the Aisne and between the Aisne and the Oise.

WAR CONFERENCE.

SOUTH AFRICA'S REPRESENTATIVE.

GENERAL SMUTS TO GO.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

An urgent official affairs prevent General Smuts from leaving South Africa at present, the Imperial Government has acceded to the request of the Union Government to release General Smuts from the East African command at the earliest moment to enable him to represent South Africa at the War Conference.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

PRINCE GALITZIN'S PROGRAMME

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.

Much interest has been aroused by the announcement in the "Novoe Vremya" by Prince Nicholas Galitzin, the new Premier, of his programme.

The statement that he does not intend to resist the introduction of responsible government has caused surprise.

M. Stolypinov, the reactionary ex-minister of Justice, has been appointed President of the Upper House.

The "Bessie Slovo" states that M. Anokhinsky, M. Polkovnikov, M. Bark, and M. Trepoff, Chief of the Emperor's own Guards, have resigned with M. Trepoff, declaring that it was impossible to co-operate with M. Protopopoff, Minister for the Interior.

SINKING THE BLUCHER.

PRIZE COURT AWARDS BOUNTY

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The Prize Court has awarded £2500 bounty to warships, including H.M.S. New Zealand, for participating in the sinking of the German armoured cruiser Blucher on January 24, 1915.

JAPANESE JOURNALIST.

AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

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GERMAN CARDINALS.

REPRIMANDED BY THE POPE.

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LIEBKNECHT'S SENTENCE.

ZURICH, Jan. 15.

Karl Liebknecht, leader of the German Socialists, has now been sentenced to four and a half years hard labour and expulsion from the Berlin Bar.

PEACE MOVES.

THE ENTENTE'S TERMS.

CHANCELLOR PREPARING
A REPLY.

ATTITUDE OF CHINA.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Bremen newspapers will address the Reichstag at the end of January respecting the Entente's reply to the Government's proposals. He will previously confer with party leaders.

The King of Bavaria has sent a despatch to the German Emperor, in which he declares—The indignation which has been aroused in the German Emperor's heart by the enemy's arrogant reply to the Peace Note is echoed in every Bavarian breast.

With a view to cheering up Berlin at the adhesion of another neutral to the recent Note of President Wilson to the Germans, suggesting that they should state the objects for which they are fighting—in order that a survey of peace possibilities may be made, Count von Bernstorff (German Ambassador at Washington) has sent wireless to Germany the text of China's reply. The reply ventures to declare that the war has probably affected China's interests more seriously than those of other neutrals, and states that she is prepared after the war to join in assuring respect for the principle of equality of nations to relieve them of the perils of wrong by violence.

QUICK PEACE OR DEBACLE.

NORTH YORK, Jan. 15.

The New York "American" publishes a despatch by Mr. W. B. Hale, from Berlin. Mr. Hale had an intimate conversation with a leader holding the highest political position.

"What," he asked, "is it this weary world wants, peace or war?"

The allied diplomats in Washington are not surprised at the " Tribune's" report concerning Greece. They make no comment, but their attitude expressed no doubt as to the accuracy of the forecast.

MACEDONIA.

HEAVY SNOWSTORMS.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A French communiqué states—in Macedonia bad weather has caused numerous floods. Heavy snowstorms have been experienced. In the Lake Prespa region the Italians repulsed an enemy attack. A munition depot was destroyed at Putwies, north of Armatia. Engagements have taken place south of Lake Ochrida, particularly at Velletina, where an Indo-Chinese detachment was in action. Another detachment slightly pro-gressed beyond Stavet.

ENEMY TROOPS FROM ROMANIA.

PARIS, Jan. 15.

Marcel Hulin points out that the Austro-Hungarian communiques for the first time for six months refer to the fighting south of Lake Ochrida. This suggests that there has been a transferred under Marshal von Falkenhayn from the Romanian front.

ROUMANIA.

ALLIED FORCES DOING WELL.

(Admiralty—per Wireless Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A Russian official message says—The Romanians attacked the heights in the region of the Kasino River, and after violent bayonet fighting threw back the enemy a verst or two. The Russo-Romanians repulsed an offensive in the same region and pressed back the enemy two versts southwards. We withdraw slightly to the northwards in the Vaden region. We repulsed with great losses several attacks north-east of Poecani.

IRRESISTIBLE RUSH.

Meanwhile the Terrestrial artillery pushed forward gallantly, though exposed to heavy fire from the enemy's guns. The dismounted artillery displayed splendid coolness and courage. Light guns were frequently taken abreast of the Camel Corps into the firing line. The aeroplanes reported during the morning that the enemy was withdrawing from the western defences in considerable numbers to reinforce the southern positions. The Yeomanry were ordered to attack from the west while the Australian Camel Corps reinforced them.

A STIRRING SIGHT.

A magnificent and stirring spectacle was witnessed as large bodies of Light Horse galloped into action while the Camel Corps dismounted and made a mad infantry attack. Many phases of the general action were visible from one spot. The mounted men went into action within comparatively short rifle-range, and the artillery found targets almost point blank. The progress of the attack was slow because the ground was absolutely coverless. The works of the Turks were strongly held. German marksmen manned hidden machine guns. At 8 o'clock our guns opened an intense bombardment and silenced two of the enemy's guns. The infantry then advanced at a rush, firing as they ran.

Meanwhile between 3000 and 4000 enemy soldiers had gathered at Shalat, 15 miles east of Rafa. The enemy fought with desperation to stave off defeat until succour arrived, when our patrols announced that a relief column about three miles from Rafa was threatening the British rear. It was evident that a supreme British effort had become an immediate necessity.

ENEMY PRESSURE DIMINISHED.

A Petrograd message states that enemy pressure in Wallachia and the Dobruja has diminished owing to the weather and to the Allies' resistance. The Danube plains are now immense swamps. Marshal von Mackensen is demanding reinforcements from Bulgaria and Turkey, which they are unable to provide. Turkey fears danger on her Asian frontier, and her reserves are exhausted. Prisoners in the Dobruja state that the army is exceedingly fatigued, and the commanders are scarcely able to hold them.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(Admiralty—per Wireless Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A German official report states—We repulsed strong Russo-Romanian attacks northward of the Smita Valley.

MESOPOTAMIA.

BRITISH MAKE PROGRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

It is officially announced that the British made progress eastward and westward of Kut-el-Amara, and except for a small area north-east of Kut-el-Amara, the whole right bank eastward of the Shatt-el-Hai has been cleared of the enemy.

ITALIAN FRONT.

PRIZE COURT AWARDS BOUNTY

(Admiralty—per Wireless Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A Rome official report says there has been increased enemy artillery fire in the Cusco region eastward of Gorizia.

GERMAN CARDINALS.

REPRIMANDED BY THE POPE.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The Pope has sent confidential letters to the German Cardinals at Cologne and Munich with reference to their abuses of sacerdotal functions.

LIEBKNECHT'S SENTENCE.

ZURICH, Jan. 15.

Karl Liebknecht, leader of the German Socialists, has now been sentenced to four and a half years hard labour and expulsion from the Berlin Bar.

FIGHTING IN SYRIA.

RAFA VICTORY.

GALLANT AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

A FINE ACHIEVEMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

Details of the recent operations against the Turks at Rafa, which resulted in the capture of that town in Syria, are published this morning.

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AUCTION SALES.

(Continued from Page 14.)

UNCLAIMED GOODS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17.

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

ON THE MACLEAY RIVER WHARF,

NO. 3 SUSSEX STREET.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM

THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,

ABOUT 500 LOTS OF UNCLAIMED GOODS

WILL BE SOLD AT 10.30 A.M.

WITHOUT RESERVE.

THOSE: Catch on the fall of the banner.

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W. A. LITTLE,

WILL HOLD HIS USUAL

WEEKLY SALE

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY,

AT 10.30 SHARP.

AT THE

COMMODUS CENTRAL SALE ROOMS,

C CASTLERAUGH-STREET,

AT TOP OF MOORE-STREET,

DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE HOTEL AUSTRALIA.

VALUABLE MODERN FURNITURE

AND GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

MOVED TO HALL'S HOTEL,

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,

REMOVED TO THE HOTEL AUSTRALIA,

INSTRUCTIONS FROM

THE HOTEL AUSTRALIA.

AN EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE

ATTRACTIVE MODERN FURNITURE,

FROM THE READING ROOMS,

MINTON'S, LONDON.

BECAUSE OF THE CLOSING

OF THE LUXURIOUS CHESTERFIELDS,

IN SHAW TISSUE,

MASSIVE SIDECHAIRS

AND DINING-ROOM SUITES

HANDBOK OAK BEDROOM SUITE

ALL-BRASS BEDROOM SUITE,

WITH BEST QUALITY DOWN-MATERIAL MATTRESS,

AND EASY CHAIRS.

AT 12 O'CLOCK PROMPT.

MOTOR-CARS,

HORN & H. H. BLACK MOTOR-CARS,

TWO LANDAUS, TWO 15-H.P. TOURERS,

EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-FOUNDED, GUARAN-

TEED BY OWNER IN DODGE DRIVING SCHOOL.

BRASSING THUNGS, GLADIATOR BAGS, TRUNKS,

ETC., ETC.

PIANOPIORTES,

BY HUPFER, SCHIFFERDECKER (London),

RUD. STEPHANUS,

AND OTHER WELL-KNOWN MAKERS.

STEIN PIANO PIANO.

COLLECTION OF ISLAND CYCLOPS

ASORTMENT OF LAMPS

IN GOOD CONDITION.

Etc., Etc.

FOR VIEW THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, FROM 10

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IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

A LARGE QUANTITY

OF MILINARY STRAW PLAITS,

BIRDS, ETC., ETC.

TO BE SOLD

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A MOST ATTRACTIVE AUCTION SALE

WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY NEXT, JAN. 24.

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

AT THE RESIDENCE, BRUNSWICK,

MILTON ROAD,

CREMORE,

THREE MINUTES FROM CREMORE WHARF.

UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF

MRS. R. S. HILBY,

ON ACCOUNT OF RELINQUISHING HOUSEKEEPING,

THE WHOLE OF THE VARIOUS FURNITURE

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THE FURNITURE WILL BE APPRAISED

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BELEXLEY, on the Heights—Brick Cottage, 4 rooms,

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BLACKTOWN, Quarter's Hill—3 acres, good soil, very

cheap. More land if required, etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

CAMPBELL, Grey Tasmania—One W.B. hall, 4 rooms,

kitchen, 12 ft. x 14 ft., all open plan.

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NORMANHURST—Splendid Brick Cottage, a large

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PUNCHBOWL—Large, well built, large living room,

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QUAKER'S HILL, suburb of Hornsby station—Superior

W.B. Cottage, tiled roof, 4 good rooms, w.h., ver.

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RYDE—Superior W.B. Home, tiled roof, quite one

of the ordinary, 3 good rooms, kitchen, w.h., bath,

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(For advertisements under this heading see pages 2 and 3.)

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SURVEYOR'S Assistant, must be No. 1 or 2 weeks. State terms. Surveyor, Herald.

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SMITH, for **PROTEIN'S PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY**, Fire competent and experienced LIFE CANVASSERS required. A substantial book will be available for even the most successful canvassers. The Prudential's Tables are most attractive in Australia. "L.B." No. H. Medical, and other conditions apply to the above. Excellent pay and rapid promotion to the right men. Excellent opportunities for returned soldiers, if capable. Call next Thursday, 10 a.m.

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